Resolution No. 28-GA-10

“Respectfully requesting the United States Department of Defense and the Governments of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as the private sectors, educational institutions, trade organizations and non-profit associations involved in preparing for the military build-up, to make an extra special effort to extend the benefits of the build-up to the citizens of the Republic of Nauru and the Republic of Kiribati.”

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is an organization of Legislatures and Parliaments in the Pacific Region, the membership of which includes the island jurisdictions of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Island of Guam, the FSM State of Chuuk, the FSM State of Kosrae, the FSM State of Pohnpei, the FSM State of Yap, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, the State of Hawaii, the Republic of Nauru, and the Republic of Kiribati; and

WHEREAS, the APIL convenes each year in a General Assembly to discuss matters of major importance to the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, the major theme of this year’s 28th General Assembly is the Military Build-up on Guam and Our Islands; and

WHEREAS, the APIL is cognizant of the fact that the build-up of U.S. military forces on Guam and the neighboring islands of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will have far reaching effects, not only for these American islands, but will dramatically impact defense and security policies throughout all the islands of the Pacific; and
WHEREAS, in the plenary sessions of this General Assembly, delegates received many informative presentations from the public and private sectors of Guam and the neighboring islands concerning the military build-up and the efforts being undertaken, both within the government and the community at large, to ensure that the benefits of the build-up are extended to the whole region; and

WHEREAS, because of their unique relationship with the United States through statehood, commonwealth, territorial, and free association status, the citizens of most of the member jurisdictions of the APIL have ready and easy access to directly participate in the benefits of the military build-up; however, the citizens of the Republic of Nauru and the Republic of Kiribati, which don’t have that special relationship with the United States, will need special attention if they are to share in the benefits that the military build-up is bringing to the region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 28th General Assembly, on the Island of Pohnpei, June 9-11, 2009, that the APIL hereby respectfully requests the United States Department of Defense and the Governments of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as the private sectors, educational institutions, trade organizations and non-profit associations involved in preparing for the military build-up, to make an extra special effort to extend the benefits of the build-up to the citizens of the Republic of Nauru and the Republic of Kiribati; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof; and that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America, to the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, to the Speaker of the Legislature and the Governor of the Island of Guam, to the Presiding Officers of the Legislature and
the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the Speaker of Parliament and President of the Republic of Nauru, to the Speaker of Parliament and President of the Republic of Kiribati, to the Presiding Legislative Officers and the Chief Executive Officers of all the other members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, and to the principal educational institutions, trades organizations and non-profit associations involved in preparing the islands for the military build-up.


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